Dragon Knights

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The Cast of Dragon Knights

Royalty

The Dragon Knights and the Dragon Officers, under the command of Lord Lykouleon, are positioning themselves to face the Demon Forces in the defense of Dusis. But they will have to rely on the help of others to see them through. This is an overview of the Dragon Clan and their allies.

Lord Lykouleon

Roseleane

Dragon Officers

Kai Stern

Blue Dragon Officer. Secretary of Foreign Affairs

White Dragon Officer. Chief Secretary

Alfeeg

Yellow Dragon Officer. Secretary of Sta

Rawalk

Black Dragon Officer. Secretary of Security

Tetheus

Dragon Castle Administrator

Cernozura

Dragon Knights

Illuser

Illuser was killed when Lord Lykouleon faced Nadil to save his Queen.

Rath

Rath is very close to Kai Stern and was to the late Demon Dog Crewger.

Thatz

Rune

A human with a love for Faeries.

Nohiro

Crewger

Crewger was killed when Charlaky, a minion of Khrel the Alchemist, came to kidnap Cesia.

Delte

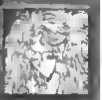
A human fortuneteller willing to help the Dragon Knights.

Kitchel

Thatz's rival who was recently sent on a mission with Jura to retrieve the three treasures for the Princess Lorelei.

Silk

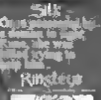
Queen of the Spiders. Sweet on Rune, but he only has eyes for Cesia.



Dathor

Once trapped in a demon water realm keeping the demon fish Virgwee from escaping, she now feels and must serve the faeries.

Rune's love, Cesia, is trapped in Dathor's water dimension, and Kitchel.



Kingfeeg

Faeries

Most of the faeries have been exterminated by Khrel the Alchemist. A few remain but feel powerless to stop the massacre.

Rath and Cesia are both part demon and so distrust each other but they have learned to work together very well.

Cesia

A fortuneteller with the ability to enhance the powers of those in close proximity to her. A power covered by all sides of the power game in Dusis.

Zema

Cesia's friend who constantly wails at the Dragon Castle for her to return from Mt. Emphuzu.

Ek

Humans

These three humans live at the mountain near Emphuzu. Of the three, only Burl still lives.

Burl

Ryu

The Villains of Dragon Knights

Nadil
Leader of the Dusi Forces who was decapitated by Eyler Ieon. His army is trying to retrieve his head and resurrect him.

Shydeman

Shyrendora

Current leaders of Nadil's army. They are fortunetellers with the express goal of reviving Nadil and destroying the Dragon Tribe.

Pierrez

The [illegible] who can petrify the shield on the Dragon Castle. Though a demon, he is a loyal follower of Nadil.

Lady Medienea

A demon leader in Nadil's army responsible for the Black Smoke in Dusis. Has a competitive relationship with Fedelta.

Jilge

A witch who worked for Nadil's forces until her untimely death at the hands of the Dragon Knights.

Fedelta

One of the leaders in Nadil's army. Answers to Shydeman and is competitive with Medienea.

Khart

Khart is an Alchemist and a Renkin Wizard who can create demons. He longs to control Dusis himself but, sometimes assists Nadil's puppy Garfakey in sneaky, vicious and servile Khart but harbors a desire to be a demon himself.

Garfakey

Kirukutus

An evil sorcerer bent on conquering Earth and using her to make him stronger. Was defeated by Ash but still lives and is determined to control Dusis.

Brought To You By:
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MAN, YOU WERE OUT COLD.
I WAS READY TO KISS YOU
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YOU'RE FINALLY UP
WHERE ...
HELLO? IS RATH IN THERE SOMEWHERE?
?
...AM I?
HEY!
WAKE UP!
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT'S BEEN?
SLEEPING BEAUTY! IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP, YOU'LL NOT ONLY MISS BREAKFAST, BUT YOU'LL MISS LUNCH AND DINNER TOO!
AND I'M GONNA EAT ALL YOUR FOOD!!
LIKE HELL YOU WILL!
YO, RATH!
UHHGH ..

I'M GETTING UP.
NOW WHERE'S THAT FOOD YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
I COULD EAT A HORSE, OR A DRAGON!
I'LL GET CERNOZURA TO WHIP SOMETHING UP FOR YOU
ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS?
HOW ABOUT HORSE? I WASN'T JOKING ABOUT EATING ONE.
WHAT WAS THAT?
HEH HEH.

I'M JUST A BIT GROGGY. I THINK I OVERSLEPT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
RATH?
LET'S SEE.
TWO DAYS. MAYBE MORE.
HOW LONG WAS I..
ASLEEP?
RUMBLE
HOW'D YOU GUESS?
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
WOW~
THAT LONG?

...IS FRIGHTENED OF SOMETHING. SHE STAYS IN HER ROOM ALL DAY.
I HEARD!
IN FACT, MATILDA TOLD ME SHE WON'T EVEN LET LORD LYKOULEON IN TO SEE HER.
AND ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THE DRAGON QUEEN...
KAI-STEIN!
LOOKING FOR KAI-STEIN AGAIN...
WHERE ON EARTH DID HE GO?
THAT BASTARD...
KAI-STEIN!
I KNOW. IT'S QUITE PECULIAR.
BUT THIS TIME IT'S WORSE THAN EVER. EVEN LORD LYKOULEON AND THE DRAGON OFFICERS ARE ON EDGE.
IT'S ALWAYS TENSE AROUND HERE WHENEVER MR. RATH RETURNS..

AS YOU KNOW THE SEAL PROTECTING NAOE'S HEAD HAS LONG BEEN INCOMPLETE.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.
YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM, AREN'T YOU?
YES. I NEED TO SPEAK WITH HIM ABOUT AN URGENT MATTER.
BEFORE HE LEFT ON HIS QUEST, WE GAVE RATH THE RED DRAGON BALL, EFFECTIVELY MAKING HIM THE RED DRAGON OFFICER.
THAT MEANS ONLY RATH CAN SEAL THE FINAL DOOR.
WE NEED TO FINALISH IT NOW
YOU BETTER NOT BE HIDING HIM, RUWALK!
I DON'T KNOW!
SWEAR I'M NOT!
HAVE YOU SEEN KAI-STERN?!
WHERE IS HE?!
RUWALK.
I DON'T KNOW OR CARE.
NOT THAT YOU'D EVEN PAY ATTENTION. ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS MONEY
I WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT HIS EYE. DIDN'T HE HAVE A CHECK UP YESTERDAY?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR KAI-STERN MYSELF.
CERNOZURA SAID THAT HE WOKE UP A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
WELL THEN, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT? RATH?
YOU'RE ANGRIER THAN USUAL.
HE'S SLEEPING NOW

SO STRONG
I'VE NEVER FELT SO STRONG A DEMON PRESENCE WITHIN THE DRAGON CASTLE.
TETHEUS' EYES ARE SO RED...
BUT NOW WE...
...HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TRUST HIM.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO HAVE ENTRUSTED BATH WITH THE RED DRAGON BALL.
NO...
TETHEUS HAS INFORMED US THAT A DEMON ARMY...
IS CURRENTLY APPROACHING THE PALACE.
WE MUST COMPLETE THE SEAL BEFORE THEN.

WHO ARE YOU?
WHY CAN'T I SENSE YOUR TRUE ESSENCE?
YOU DO KNOW THAT I'M A DEMON, RIGHT?
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE A POWER INA FORTUNE-TELLER.
I'VE NEVER MET MY REAL PARENTS. I WAS ADOPTED BY A WITCH. SHE RAISED ME.
I WAS A DEMON IN NADIL'S ARMY
YOUR QUESTION AS GOOD AS MINE, DEITE.
I'D HAVE NEVER GUESSED RATH WASN'T YOUR TRUE MASTER.
I SAW GIL IN THE WITCH'S CRYSTAL.
IT'S OKAY. I ALREADY KNOW.
HUH?
DO YOU MISS GIL?
FUNNY, I COULD SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU.
HE'S THE ONLY ONE I CAN'T SEE WITH THE WITCH'S CRYSTAL.
FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T USE MY POWER TO SEE RATH.
SO IMAGINE MY SURPRISE TO DISCOVER RATH'S GUARDIAN DRAGON IS REALLY THE LIGHT DRAGON.
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH RATH IS STRONGER THAN THE BONDS THE OTHER DRAGONS HAVE WITH THATZ AND RUNE.

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY MORE?
MORE WHAT?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
CESIA AND...
...DELTE?
IT SEEMS...
VERY DANGEROUS
DEMONS, HUMANS, FORTUNE-TELLERS...
ALL TOGETHER BEHIND THE SAME WALLS.
IS THIS WHAT THE DRAGON LORD WANTS?
YES. I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.
WHEN I WAS WORKING WITH YOU IN CHANTEL, I LIVED IN CONSTANT FEAR OF BEING EATEN BY YOU.
CALL ME WHAT EVER YOU LIKE.
OR A WITCH? FORTUNE TELLER?
SHALL I CALL YOU A DEMON'S FORTUNE-TELLER?
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SHE LOOKS TOUGH.
STUBBORN
I WONDER WHY LORD LYKOULEN HAS ALLOWED SO MANY DEMONS INSIDE THE PALACE.
THERE ARE MORE.
IS IT A PORTENT OF THINGS TO COME?
YOU'RE A DEMON DELTA.
JUST LIKE THAT KID ZOMA.

THE LORD HAS SUFFERED GREAT LOSS BEFORE.
DOESN'T HE KNOW THAT CAN GET HIM KILLED?
PERHAPS HE JUST ISN'T WILLING TO SUFFER FROM IT AGAIN.
RATH, CESIA AND YOU, ZOMA, ARE IMPORTANT TO HIM.
YOU'RE A PART OF HIS FAMILY.
HEY!
WHY ARE RUWALK AND ALFEECI SO WORRIED ABOUT RATH RIGHT NOW?
RATH HAS BEGUN QUESTIONING THE DRAGON TRIBE. HIS DEMON SIDE HAS BEEN GROWING STRONGER.
YOU DO KNOW ...
RATH IS A DEMON.
LYKOULEON KNOWS THAT, RIGHT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
YET, HE STILL ALLOWS RATH TO STAY HERE.

SO, ONCE AGAIN I FIND MYSELF AT THE DRAGON CASTLE...

YOU HAVE A FAMILY?
HE SAY
HAD A BROTHER AND SISTER.
IT'S NOT IMPORTANT THEY'RE PROBABLY DEAD NOW
SO I CAN UNDERSTAND THE LORD'S SENTIMENTS.
I, TOO, HAD A FAMILY.
I'VE ALSO KNOWN GREAT LOSS.
I'VE LONG SINCE MADE THE DECISION TO FORGET ABOUT THEM.

I HEARD HE'S AWAKE.
HEY THATZ, IS RATH HERE?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR RATH?
YOU JUST MISSED HIM. SIT DOWN AND HAVE A BITE.
WHILE I WAS AWAY...
...I MET SOMEONE WHO REMINDED ME OF RATH.
I SEE.
AND I NEED TO ASK HIM SOME-THING.
I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE HE'S BEEN BACK.

KAI-STERN ...
I WASN'T PLANNING ON COMING BACK EVER AGAIN.
I SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
I SHOULD LEAVE THIS PLACE. HEAD FOR SOME DISTANT KINGDOM.
I STILL FEEL LIKE I SHOULDN'T HAVE RETURNED

HEY, RUNE!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST.
OH, HELLO...
WELL, IN FACT, I WAS JUST TELLING THATZ THAT...
I MET SOMEONE ON MY QUEST WHO REMINDED ME OF YOU.
YOU DON'T SAY...
DID YOU KILL HIM?
H-HIS NAME WAS NOHRO. HE WAS A STRANGE GUY WHO WAS OBSESSED WITH FAERIES.
I WAS JUST WONDERING...
MAYBE YOU KNEW HIM.
UH.
N-NO...

IF YOU ASK ME, ONE RATH IS QUITE ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH.
HIS NAME WAS NOHRO
BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM TO FIND OUT WHAT RATH THINKS OF IT.
ガタン
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT HE PHYSICALLY RESEMBLED RATH.
BUT THEY SHARED THE SAME AURA.
AFTER ALL...
HE'S STANDING RIGHT BESIDE YOU.

DON'T WORRY
HE PROBABLY KNOWS THAT YOU'RE ONTO HIM NOW.
SO...
WHEN DID YOU LEARN RATH'S SECRET?
EH, RUNE?
HE HAS GREAT INTUITION
THAT'S JUST RATH.
BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?
I ASKED HIM.
THATZ
YOU KNOW
ABOUT RATH?

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM.
BY THE WAY, HAVE EITHER OF YOU SEEN HIM?
UM.
NO.
A GUY OBSESSED WITH FAERIES...
NAMED NOHIRO?
NOPE, DOESN'T RING A BELL.
OH WELL.
I'LL KEEP LOOKING.

BUT TRUTHFULLY RUNE, I ALWAYS KNEW YOU'D BE THE LAST TO KNOW.
YOU KNOW, EVEN THOUGH RATH IS ALWAYS PUTTING ON AN ACT TRYING TO COME OFF AS IMPRESSIVE AND MYSTERIOUS ..
...HE ACTUALLY PREFERS BEING OPEN AND HONEST WITH US.
SO, DOES THIS MEAN HE CAN JUST BE HIMSELF NOW?
EVER SINCE I WENT TO THE MAJOR HOTEL
I'VE KNOWN ABOUT RATH BEING A DEMON FOR A LONG TIME.
WHAT ?
YOU KNOW ME...ALWAYS CURIOUS ABOUT EVERYTHING.
IT WAS BEFORE WE WENT TREASURE HUNTING.
I CORNERED HIM INTO TELLING ME THE TRUTH.
THAT'S BECAUSE KITCHEL WAS ALWAYS AROUND
BUT ALL THIS TIME THE TWO OF YOU BEHAVED AS IF NOTHING WAS WRONG.
YOU KNEW
BUT...

RATH ...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK HERE.
THIS FEELS RIGHT.
YOU ACTUALLY CAME TO SEE ME? ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?
AND RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
...DOING WITH FIRE?
WHAT IS CESIA ...
BUT NOW YOU'RE A PART OF THE DRAGON TRIBE. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR DEMON PAST NOW!! I WAS JUST WONDER-ING...
CAN...I HOLD YOU?
YOU SAID THAT YOU KNEW SOME-THING ABOUT ME.
YOU KNOW MY SECRET, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW THAT I'M A DEMON.
YES, I DO.
HUH?
...SINCE YOU ALREADY HAD A GUARDIAN DRAGON, WHY--
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

HEH HEH
HA HA HA

WHOO
WHOO
HEH HEH..
WHOO
WHOO
ALL MINE!

HEH HEH HEH..

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...
OH GOD...
WAS THAT SOME SORT OF SIGN?
EVERY-THING...
SOON, EVERY-THING WILL BE MINE.

KAI-STERN WAS ACTING REALLY STRANGE.
I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH A STRONG DEMON PRESENCE...
AND NOW...
WE HAVE TETHEUS WARNING TO WORRY ABOUT AS WELL.

CRASH
I CAN'T STAY HERE.

I'M NOT PRE-SCHOOL AGE.
GOOD MORNING.
YOU'RE UP EARLY, THAT'Z.
WHAT'S WITH THE DRAGON?
OH! UH, G-GOOD MORNING!
WAIT!
HEY!
LET'S GO, FIRE.

I WILL HAVE THE RED DRAGON OFFICER SEAL THE DOOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IT'S THE DOOR THAT LEADS TO BENEATH THE DRAGON CASTLE...
IF RATH DOES INDEED HAVE THE RED DRAGON BALL, HE MUST BE THE ONE TO DO IT.
YES, OF COURSE THE RED DRAGON OFFICER.

DID YOU TELL ANYONE THAT YOU WERE LEAVING?
LIKE THE LORD?
NO. I WAS HOPING I WOULDN'T RUN INTO ANY ONE AT ALL.
UMM
WHAT?
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
YOU JUST GOT BACK!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND NOW I'M LEAVING!
YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO SNEAK OUT OF HERE, ARE YOU?
WHAT IF I AM?
DON'T FOLLOW ME. IF YOU DO, I SWEAR I'LL NEVER COME BACK!
I KNEW ANYONE OF YOU WOULD TRY TO STOP ME.
AND I WAS RIGHT.
THEN WHY DID YOU BOTHER COMING BACK?
RATH, WAIT!!
IT COULD HAPPEN.
WHAT?!
YOU WOULD ACTUALLY ABANDON US COMPLETELY?

KATH!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ?
WHAT ?!
DAMN IT.
BECAUSE ...
I'VE... ALWAYS WANTED
I... I'VE ALWAYS ..

SOME THINGS DON'T FIT.
BUT
ARE WE THROUGH HERE?
I NEED TO SEE RUNE ABOUT SOMETHING.
WHY DOES HE WANT TO SEE RUNE?
I DON'T LIKE THIS...
HE'S CHANGED
RATH NORMALLY ISN'T THIS STRAIGHTFORWARD OR BLUNT.

I GET IT NOW.
THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU
WHAT?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
TOO BAD MY PLAN FELL APART.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER TIME TO SNEAK OUT OF HERE.

THE DOORS THAT LEAD TO NADIL'S HEAD...
...NEED TO BE SEALED?
YES.
THERE ARE FIVE DOORS TOTAL, EACH DESIGNED TO BE SEALED BY A DIFFERENT DRAGON OFFICER'S SPELL...
AS YOU KNOW, THE RED DRAGON OFFICER ISN'T HERE. SO, THE LAST SEAL IS...
INCOMPLETE
AND TETHEUS HAS SENSED SOMETHING DANGEROUS NEARBY
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WELL...

RATH!
CALM DOWN. CALM DOWN.
NOT AT ALL. DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?
WHAT I ASK MYSELF.

YOU WANT ME TO CAST A SPELL ON BEHALF OF THE RED DRAGON OFFICER, RIGHT?
AND YET...
YOUR SILENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES, ALFEED, AS DOES THE NERVOUSNESS AND UNCERTAINTY I'VE EXPERIENCED HERE EVER SINCE I AWOKE.
WHAT AM I REALLY?
WHY NOT?
YOU CAN NEVER BE THE RED DRAGON OFFICER. NEVER.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THE RED DRAGON BALL...
RATH

YOU WANT ME TO BE THE RED DRAGON OFFICER?
OH, I SEE.
I'M SORRY.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE YELLED AT YOU.
YOU'RE ALREADY A DRAGON KNIGHT! YOU CANNOT BE BOTH!
NO!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

OH, I JUST REMEMBERED
WHY IS HE BEING LIKE THIS?
OF COURSE, I'M WORRIED
I WANTED TO ASK RUNE SOMETHING...
BUT I SUPPOSE I CAN ASK YOU INSTEAD.
WHAT?
IS IT SAFE FOR RUNE TO COMPLETELY ABSORB...
...THE DEMON FUEN VARAWOO INTO HIS BODY?
I'LL TRY MY BEST TO ANSWER.

THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT?
HUH?
EVERYONE'S WHISPERING ABOUT SOMETHING...
...AND YOU SEEM DOWNRIGHT WORRIED.
IF I DON'T SEAL THE DOOR TO NADIL'S HEAD, SOME DEMON MIGHT COME BACK TO STEAL IT, RIGHT?
LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS...
DOES THAT MEAN...
YOU WON'T DO IT?

DON'T WORRY.
I'LL DO IT.
?

I WAS JUST CURIOUS.
A LOT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS AWAY.
.....
RUNE SUCCEEDED IN SEALING AWAY THE DEMON FISH.
SO, IS IT?
WHAT?!
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS?
I SEE...
RATH ...
ABOUT CASTING THE SPELL ON THE DOOR..

SUCH IS
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK.
sob
WITH... THE WIND STAFF AND CREWGER'S SOUL...
I BELIEVE I CAN SAVE RATH.
SOMETHING BIG IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

GOING AWAY?!
MISS CESIA?!
I'M SORRY
I'M GOING AWAY FOR AWHILE.
DON'T WORRY.
I JUST HAVE A PROMISE THAT I NEED TO KEEP.
WHAT DO I DO?
BUT

S--STOP IT!
...THAT I WOULDN'T LET HIM DIE!
I PROMISED RATH...
UH...
MISS CESIA?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

THE RED DRAGON OFFICER'S SPELL IS INCOMPLETE.
IT SHOULD BE EASY TO BREAK THEIR SEAL.

WILL THIS BATH...
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU RELEASE THE DEMON LORDS? DO YOU TAKE YOUR PLACE AT HIS SIDE?
I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT.
ARE YOU, RATH?
IT'S A PITY...
YOUR POWERS OF OBSERVATION ARE QUITE SHARP.
...TOO SMART FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
IT ALWAYS WERE...
YOU ALWAYS WERE...

HALT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IF ALL FIVE DRAGON OFFICERS SPELLS HAD BEEN CAST, THEN THE SEAL WOULD BE TOO STRONG. I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BREAK IT.
POOR, POOR LYKOULEON
YOU'RE NOT
TRYING STEAL ADILS HEAD, ARE YOU?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY

DANGER
DANGER
DANGER
I CAN SEE WHITE LIGHTS FLASHING...
...OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
IN MY...
...HEAD...
...NOT TO COME HERE ALONE.
...BUT THEY ALSO SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU...
...THAT THEY FAIL YOU NOW WHEN IT COUNTS MOST.
YOUR INSTINCTS ABOUT ME WERE RIGHT...

WAKE UP!
THAT'S!
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
ANSWER THE DOOR!
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT...
I CAN'T FIND RUNE ANY WHERE.
WHAT'S WRONG?

SINCE THE BARRIER HAS BEEN BROKEN I CAN'T GET A CLEAR READING.
I THOUGHT OSEA COULD HELP ME, BUT SHE'S RUN OFF.
BUT... HOW?
OSEA IS GONE TOO, THEN?
COME.
FOLLOW ME.
YES.
BUT I'M MOST CONCERNED ABOUT RUNE.
IF WE DON'T FIND RUNE, SOMETHING TERRIBLE WILL HAPPEN.
WHAT ABOUT THE BARRIER?
HOW IS THE DRAGON TRIBE?
DO YOU THINK SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED?
WHAT DID THE CARDS SAY?
IT WAS UNLOCKED SO I WENT INSIDE.
BUT HE WASN'T THERE.
I KNOCKED ON HIS DOOR...
BUT NO ONE ANSWERED.
THE DRAGON CASTLE'S PROTECTIVE BARRIER HAS BEEN BROKEN FROM WITHIN THE PALACE GROUNDS.
LISTEN...
THAT'S...

HEH...
SO, RUNE..
ARE YOU FRIGHTENED?
FRIGHTENED?
YES.
I FEEL FEAR...

CONGRATULATIONS...
I'M PROUD OF YOU.
ALFEE! TOLD ME SO.
THAT MEANS YOU ARE NOW A HIGHER LEVEL DRAGON KNIGHT
UMM
THANK YOU
IS THAT TRUE?

WHO IS THIS MAN I'M TALKING TO?
HE IS RATH.
BUT IS HE THE TRUE RATH?

ARE YOU REALLY RATH?
RATH ..
YOU...
I'VE FELT THIS FEAR BEFORE.
GRASP
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

RUNE...
YOU CCESSFULLY ALED THE MON FISH, AWOO, IN UR BODY, YES?
IF I DID...
I'D BE ADMITTING SOMETHING ...
I CAN'T ANSWER.

HEH HEH...
RUNE, YOU CAME BACK TO THE DRAGON CASTLE INFUSED WITH THE POWER OF THE DEMON FISH, VARA-WOO.
RATH...
POWER THAT I WILL NOW GLADLY TAKE!

THAT IS A SECRET.
...THAT WILL LEAD TO OUR RUIN.
!

A BATTLE...
INSIDE THE CASTLE?
DEMONS ARE GATHERING.
MANY OF THEM HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR WAY INSIDE THE PALACE.
THE LORD'S PROTECTIVE BARRIER HAS BEEN DOWN LONGER THAN WE THOUGHT...
DEAR GOD...
IS THIS TRUE?
YES...
YES, SIR!
HURRY UP.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
YES.
TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS YOU WANT...
CAPTAIN
MESSENGERS FROM ALL OF THE PEACEFUL LANDS ARE BRINGING NEWS OF HORRIBLE DANGER...
CRASH
YOU'RE TOO LATE!
...MY OTHER OFFICERS HAVE TURNED IN THEIR REPORTS.
NOW RETURN TO THE PALACE AND PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
I AM ALREADY AWARE OF THE SITUATION.
WHILE YOU TWO WERE OUT TOURING THE CITY PUBS...

ARE...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DON'T TOUCH ME.
IT'S MINE.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO REPORT?
HURRY UP. TIME IS PRECIOUS.
I'M FINE!
YOU'RE HURT.
THE REPAIR CAN WAIT.
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH. I'M ON MY WAY TO GET IT LOOKED AT.
JUST GIVE ME YOUR REPORT, RAWALK.

SLOWLY...
I AM COMING FOR YOU.
IT IS ALL...
GOING AS PLANNED.
THEY ARE ALL BLISSFULLY UNAWARE THAT THE DEMON POWER IS GROWING FROM WITHIN THE DRAGON CASTLE...
READY TO GNAW AWAY AT THE SOURCE OF THE CASTLE'S POWER. THE DRAGON LORD HIMSELF.
LYKO-ULEON!

HURRY!
RAIN ...
...THE RAIN?
CAN YOU...
HEAR ...

WAIT!
BEFORE YOU START BLAMING YOURSELF, THINK ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING.
IS THIS...
IT...
NO...

I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE.
WAIT, I'M STARTING TO...
REMEMBER
THE MONSTER FISH...
VARA-WOO.
WHERE'S KUNE?!
DAMMIT, KUWAUKI WHERE'S KUNE?!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYMORE ROPE?
ARE YOU KIDDING?! I CAN'T EVEN HOLD ONTO THE TOOLS!
MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY.
CRASH!
AARGH!!
SPLASH

I'VE FOUGHT WITH YOU SO MANY TIMES BEFORE...
...BUT EVERY TIME I SEIZED THE UPPER HAND...
SOMEONE STEPPED IN TO SAVE YOU.
RATH
NOT THIS TIME.
THIS TIME YOU HAVE NO ONE AROUND TO SAVE YOU.
AND THIS TIME, I WON'T STOP UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD!
THE POWER OF VARAWOO...
...IS FLOWING BACKWARD!
AGH...
UH...
AHH
AAAH

!!
THE FIRE DEMON!!
WHAT!
VARA-WOO?
HE'S INSIDE THE PALACE!
IN JUST A LITTLE WHILE, THE DEMON FISH VARAWOO WILL COMPLETELY OVERTAKE THE WATER DRAGON KNIGHT'S BODY
CAN'T YOU TWO SEE WE'RE IN TH MIDDLE OF SOMETHING?
RUNE!
RATH!
STOP IT!
MY GOD, THAT'S... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO RATH?
YOU...
AXE...

AAAAARGH!!

THAT'S
THE FIRE DEMON THAT WE FACED IN THE WATER REALM... HE IS STILL ALIVE...
AAAAARGH!!

WHY DON'T YOU ASK THAT FORTUNETELLER FRIEND OF YOURS?
DELTE!
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON.
AH, THAT'S--
THE LORD'S PROTECTIVE BARRIER IS GONE! IT HAS BEEN GONE. WE JUST DIDN'T NOTICE.
WHAT--
NOE
THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF THIS KIND OF HAVOC...
...IS THE RISE DEMON, FEI-LI-TAI
AND NOW VARAWOO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE POWER TO RE-AWAKEN.
RUNE WAS ABLE TO CONTROL VARAWOO FROM WITHIN...
...BUT HOW LONG CAN HE MAINTAIN CONTROL WHILE BEING ATTACKED BY RATH?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LORD'S PROTECTIVE BARRIER?
BUT HOW DID HE GET IN HERE?

AND HOW CAN I POSSIBLY DO THAT? HE'S ONE OF THE DRAGON KNIGHTS! OR WAS.
SAVING RUNE MEANS... FIGHTING RATH.
HIS EYES ARE DIFFERENT. HE HAS NO FEAR OF DEATH.
WHO IS HE?
RATH HAS NEVER BEEN FORTH-COMING ABOUT IT.
I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT RATH WAS A DEMON.
I JUST NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT KIND OF DEMON.
OR DO I SAVE RUNE?
DO I BEAT THIS BASTARD TO A BLOODY PULP?
DO I TRY TO HELP LORD LYKOULEON?
THIS IS TOO MUCH!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
SHYDEMAN GAVE US AN ORDER TO REMOVE ALL OBSTACLES. THE DRAGON KNIGHTS ARE OUR GREATEST OBSTACLE.
THE DRAGON LORD...
...WILL BE THEIR FIRST TARGET!
LORD LYKOULEON IS IN DANGER!
THAT MEANS
DEMONS CAN NOW ENTER THE PALACE!

NOW I KNOW WHY.
RATH IS A DEMON ...
...AND THE DRAGON KNIGHTS KILL DEMONS.
FEDELTA...
YOU DON'T NEED TO DEFEAT THEM. JUST STALL THEM.
WITH PLEASURE.

IT'S TOO QUIET...

COULD HE ALREADY BE DEAD?
AH, DAMN IT
NO, I DON'T BELIEVE IT
I'M SURE HE'S SAFE. SURE OF IT.
IT'S SO QUIET.
USELESS...
I'M SITTING HERE DYING.
I'M USELESS.
MAYBE IT'S THE RAIN..
THERE SHOULD BE DEMONS CLAMORING TO GET IN THE CASTLE...
I MUST WARN LORD LYKOULEON.
COULD HE ALREADY KNOW?
UNLESS ... THEY ARE ALREADY INSIDE.
...BUT IT'S ALL SO SILENT. ALMOST... PEACEFUL

ALFEEG!...
JUST ONCE MORE...
ALFEEG!
HOW...
...DID IT COME TO THIS?
HOW ...
...DID THINGS GO SO BADLY?
I'M DYING.
I WISH I COULD SEE HER ONE LAST TIME BEFORE I GO.
BEFORE I DIE...
...I'D LIKE TO SEE HER BLUE EYES JUST ONCE MORE.

EASY, SHYREN-DORA.
WE WILL HAVE LORD NADIL'S HEAD SOON ENOUGH.
BUT I THOUGHT THE LAST SEAL WAS INCOM-PLETE.
DAMN THE DRAGON TRIBE!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THIS SEAL IS SHATTERED.
AND I'M SURE FEDELTA WILL MAKE QUICK WORK OF THE DRAGON KNIGHTS. I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T TAKE OUT TOO MANY DEMONS IN THE PROCESS. HE CAN BE A BIT MESSY
NADIL WILL ONCE AGAIN RISE TO POWER, AND WITH HIM, ALL OF DEMONKIND
MMM... YES...
THEY'RE NOT DONE YET!
NOT YET
THE SEAL IS STILL VERY STRONG.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE YOU PAINT, SHY-DEMAN. WE HAVE LIVED IN FEAR OF THE DRAGON TRIBE FOR FAR TOO LONG.
WITH LORD NADIL BACK IN POWER WE WILL DESTROY DRAQUEEN AND FEAST UPON THE HEART OF LYKOULEON HIMSELF!
THIS LOSER'S REALLY STARTING TO PISS ME OFF!
SHIT!
HEH HEH HEH...

!!
AWAKEN, VARA-WOO AND TASTE YOUR REVENGE!
AWAKEN VARA-WOO.
...BEGINNING FIRST WITH THE ONE WHO DESTROYED YOU
WAKE UP AND FEED YOUR HUNGER FOR MAN
RATH, STOP THIS!

YOU WILL NOT STOP ME!!
LORD LYKOULEON!
THERE IS GREAT EVIL IN THIS FIRE.

WHY, LORD LYKOULEON!
SO NICE OF YOU TO JOIN US!! I HOPE MY FRIENDS HAVEN'T BEEN TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
IT WAS... YOU.
THIS TIME, YOU DON'T HAVE ILLUSER OR CREWGER TO DISTRACT ME.
YOU WILL NOT GET IN MY WAY.

I TOLD YOU IT WOULD ONLY BE A FEW MINUTES.
I WOULD THINK YOU'D WANT THE TIME TO COMPOSE YOURSELF.
WOULD IT KILL YOU TO LEARN SOME PATIENCE?
ALFEEG...

WELL, I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHAT.
...BUT I HAVE THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR KINGDOM TO GET STARTED ON. I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.
LORD LUCILLION
DAMN IT!
SHEZ

I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY THAT I COULDN'T DO MORE.
THAT'S MUCH BETTER.
I JUST WANTED YOU TO GET YOUR WISH.
WERE YOU AT LEAST HAPPY TO SEE HER?
YOU WERE THE ONE I WANTED TO SEE.
I NEVER KNEW YOUR NAME, AND YET I COULDN'T FORGET YOUR FACE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU KNEW.
YOU SAW THROUGH MY DISGUISE.
YOU'RE SWEET
BUT YOU DIDN'T NEED TO DO THAT FOR ME.
THE FACE YOU'VE CHOSEN IS BEAUTIFUL
BUT I'D MUCH RATHER SEE THE REAL YOU.

I'M SO SORRY...
I'VE KNOWN EVER SINCE WE FIRST MET
OUR JOB IS TO LEAD NOBLE SOULS TO THE AFTERLIFE.
I KNEW THAT I WOULD BE LEADING YOU TO DEATH..
SOME-TIME SOON
WHEN YOU APPROA-CHED ME AT HERMOSA...
REEMA.
I'M A FAERIE OF DEATH.
SEEING YOU HAS PUT ME AT PEACE.
MY ONLY FEAR... WAS THAT I MIGHT DIE WITHOUT SEEING YOU AGAIN.
ARE YOU IN PAIN?
JUST... A LITTLE.
PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME.

I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE. I FEEL ALMOST ... HAPPY
I... I DON'T MIND
FORGIVE ME.
BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE MY LIFE,
..I THINK I SHOULD GET SOMETHING IN RETURN.
ALFERIC
THANK YOU. UNTIL NOW, MY LIFE HAS CAUSED ONLY SORROW, AND I HAVE ONLY EXPERIENCED SORROW IN RETURN.
I CANNOT GIVE YOU BACK YOUR LIFE, BUT I CAN GRANT YOU ONE LAST WISH.
YOU CHANGED THAT FOR ME. IT IS MY HONOR TO BE THE ONE TO LEAD YOU AWAY FROM THIS WORLD
YOU HAVE PUT MY SOUL AT PEACE.
EVEN THOUGH THE PALACE IS IN CHAOS...
ITS SO PEACEFUL AND QUIET RIGHT NOW.
AND THAT'S WHY...
I SEE...
OURU? OURU-SAMA?
THAT'S WHY...
YOU SAID THOSE THINGS.
IT WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD DO FOR YOU.
I'M SORRY
NO ONE IS EVER HAPPY TO SEE ME.
WHICH IS WHY IT WAS SO DIFFICULT TO TELL YOU WHO I AM.
BUT, WHY ...
WE CANNOT RESTORE LIFE.
DEATH FAERIES CAN ONLY BRING ABOUT DEATH.

AND NOW ...
WAIT!
NO, RATH!!
...I WILL MAKE RUNE DISAPPEAR!
...FOR MY NEXT TRICK...
RUNE
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT
PLEASE, TELL ME!
NO!
YOU ALREADY GAVE ME THE ONE THING I WANTED.
THAT'S OKAY...
WELL...
THERE IS ONE THING.

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
I THOUGHT I HAD COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THIS BODY...
NO!
IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE!
PLEASE LET RATH REGAIN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS
LET HIM REGAIN CONTROL EVEN FOR JUST A MINUTE.
YOU DARE TRY TO CHALLENGE ME?
I HOLD YOUR BODY AND YOUR LIFE IN MY HANDS, AND YOU DEFY ME?
RATH CLUCKS
I WILL DESTROY YOU!
HE IS THE ONLY ONE...
WHO CAN SAVE LORD LYKOULEON NOW
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SUDDENLY, I FEEL...
WHAT...
...IS THIS?

DAMN.
NOW IS YOUR CH-CHANCE TO DEFEAT HIM.
THATZ!!
KILL HIM?
PLEASE
KILL ME NOW!
PLEASE
THATZ
...DO !!!
YOU'RE GIVING UP TOO EASILY!
FIGHT HIM, YOU IDIOT!
RATH, I KNOW YOU DON'T THINK MUCH OF ME...
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D ASK ME TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
NO.
THAT ISN'T RATH.
RATH...
I HAD NO IDEA...
WHAT KIND OF DEMON HE WAS.
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TNY FUCKING ALRIGHT, NO?
KILL...
ME.
YOU MUST KILL ME...
T-TO DESTROY THIS...D-DEMON...
PLEASE
H-HURRY UP!
RATH!!

AS HAVE I.
YOU'RE TOO LATE...
THEY'VE RETURNED
TOUCH-ING XI TIMES HE IT BIRDS NOW
THATZ ...
YOUR HIGHNESS!
NADIL'S HEAD...
WE HAVE IT.
THATZ WE CAN'T LET THOSE GET AWAY!!
DAMN!

AT LAST...
...OUR LORD WILL RISE AGAIN.

DEMONS ...
IN THE PALACE
THERE'S NO...TIME.
DON'T SPEAK.
SAVE YOUR STRENGTH. WE NEED TO GET YOU TO THE DOCTOR.
ALFRED ...
YOU NEED HELP
HER
THE
I NEED TO FIND KAISTERN.
OKAY ...
I'LL MANAGE
GOOD THING.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO...ASK YOU

ARE YOU OKAY ?
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?
ALFRED!!
MY GOD!

YOU HEAR ME?!
YOU WAIT FOR ME, ALFEE!! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
I'LL BE BACK WITH SOME HELP.
HANG TIGHT
WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?
IT WAS... KAISTERN'S LEFT ARM, CORRECT?
PLEASE ...
HURRY
BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. ISN'T IT HIS RIGHT EYE?
LEFT ARM ...
R-RIGHT F-FORGET
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY. THE DOCTOR IS CLOSE BY
I'LL SEND HIM TO YOU
YES...
RUWALK

IT'S HARD TO LEAVE THESE PEOPLE.
BUT I'M NOT SAYING GOODBYE TO EVERY-ONE.
THE ONE I CARE FOR MOST WILL BE AT MY SIDE.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.
IT'S GETTING LATE.
WE SHOULD GO.

I'M SORRY, RUWALK.
...BUT IT'S STILL DIFFICULT TO LET GO.
I HAVE NO MORE FEAR...

ウォオオ
RUNE...
YOU BRAT!!
ユラ!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT...
ETERNAL LIFE OR...
THAT'S!
FOLLOW THEM!
MY LORD
I'LL BE FINE!
JUST GO!
ナッ...

VAHH-WOO...
THE DEMON FISH HAS RETURNED
MY GOD...
WHAT IS THAT THING?

I WILL!
FIND TETHEUS. HE WILL HELP YOU.
AND BE WARNED. THEY WILL HAVE GROWN IN STRENGTH.
PLEASE LOOK AFTER THE LORD.
OF COURSE.
BE CAREFUL.
I MUST GATHER THE DRAGON WARRIORS.
THAT'S!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF RUNE. YOU FOLLOW THE DEMONS!
BE CAREFUL.
THEY WILL NOW TRY TO RESURRECT NADIL.
WE CANNOT LET THEM RETURN TO THE DEMON REALM.
I WON'T LET YOU DOWN.

ALFEEGI?
IS HE OKAY?
RAVEN RAIKLEAVE
WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU MEAN DR. AWE LAURA?
I NEED TO FIND HIM. ALFEEGI'S WOUNDS ARE CRITICAL.
WHERE'S THE DOCTOR THAT EXAMINED KAISTERN?
PLEASE, MY LADY... I'M BEGGING YOU.
LADY RAIE LEANE
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR.
BUT THE QUEEN HAS LOCKED HERSELF IN HER ROOM. SHE REFUSES TREATMENT.
DR. LAURA IS WITH THE DRAGON QUEEN.
RUWALK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
THANK GOD!
CHIL NIGUIRAI
ALFEEGI IS...
THE DRAGON QUEEN IS...
WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY!

THE PALACE IS UNDER ATTACK.
GO AWAY
MY QUEEN.
MY LADY, YOU'VE NOT SAFE HERE. WE WANT TO PROTECT YOU...
BUT YOU MUST OPEN YOUR DOOR.
NO!
MY CHEST... ITS BURNING!
ITS OSHINO-ZURA.
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR.
DR. LAURA, WE NEED YOU
ALEXIS'S HURT...
PLEASE MY QUEEN!
YOU MUST COME OUT

SO MANY DEMONS... RATH WOULD BE LOVING THIS...
I HAD NO IDEA ...
HOW BAD IT WAS.
WERE IT NOT FOR THE FACT THAT HE'S NOW A DEMON HIMSELF.
THEN WE WILL HONOR HIS MEMORY...
HOW IS THE DRAGON LORD DOING?
MOST OF THE DRAGON WARRIORS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO HELP HIM.
BY SPILLING THE BLOOD OF THOSE WHO TURNED HIM.
THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM.
I WAS TOO LATE..
HE'S GONE.

I'M SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
THERE WERE SOME UNEXPECTED DELAYS.
EXCELLENT! YOU HAVE DONE WELL, SHYRENDORA
YES, YOU MAY.
MIGHT I ASSUME THAT THE DRAGON LORD'S BARRIER HAS BEEN DESTROYED?
SINCE BOTH OF YOU WERE ABLE TO ENTER THE PALACE.
GOOD! THEN THERE WILL BE MORE DEMONS FOR US!
THE REST I SENT TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN TOWN.
WE'RE TOO FEW
AND DEALING WITH RATH..
WILL THAT BE THRILLING FOR YOU AS WELL, THATZ?
I ADMIRE YOUR FERVOR.
BUT KILLING THESE DEMONS WON'T BE EASY.
THAT MAKES IT ALL THE MORE THRILLING!

YOU SAVED OUR LIFE.
OUR LOYALTY NOW LIES... WITH YOU, SIR.
THE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. BUT WHAT SAY WE HOLD OFF ON THE MAIN EVENT UNTIL LORD LYKOULEON ARRIVES?

WE HAVE WAITED FOR SO LONG.
OUR PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE HUNTED. THANKS TO YOU.
SUCH A SWEET SENTIMENT.

VARAWOO HAS AWOKEN WITHIN RUNE AND HAS OVERTAKEN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS...
THIS FIGHT BETWEEN RUNE AND VARAWOO WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON THE BATTLEFIELD BUT IN THE MIND.
BUT RUNE IS STRONG. WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN HIM.
HOW EVIL...
WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WHIRLPOOL...
YOUR MORNING
WHAT IS HE DOING?
AFTER ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS YOUR SWORN ENEMY... GROVELING AT YOUR FEET IN ABJECT FEAR DON'T COME ALONG EVERYDAY, YOU KNOW.

YOUR HIGHNESS!
LOOK OUT!
WHIIIISH
GRRRAAA
WHOOOOSH
I WILL DEVOUR YOU.
YOUR SOULS ... WILL FUEL MY RAGE.

I FEEL STRANGE... COLD...
LIKE SOMETHING BAD'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN...
IT'S THE DEMON BARRIER.
IT'S STRONG AROUND HERE.
AS LORD OF THIS DRAGON REALM, THIS I DO VOW... TONIGHT THE RIVERS OF DUSIS WILL RUN BLACK WITH DEMON BLOOD!
THAT'S WHAT DELTE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
SHHH! QUIET!
THERE ARE DEMONS UP AHEAD. PREPARE YOURSELF.
LET US HOPE THAT THE MANY YEARS OF PEACE WE HAVE ENJOYED...
...HAVE NOT MADE US SOFT.
FOR WE WILL NOT REST UNTIL WE HAVE TASTED VICTORY.
SO ONCE AGAIN... WE BATTLE WITH DEMONKIND.
ONCE AGAIN WE LOCK SWORDS WITH THE DAMNED.

WE'LL HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
THERE ARE TWO OF THEM, BUT THEIR BACKS ARE TO US.

MY LORD!
WE MUST...
RETREAT
YOU'RE RIGHT. PULL BACK.
THIS IS SOMETHING I MUST TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

LORD LYKOU-LEON!
HO HO...

DAMN
YOU ARE A FOOL.
...TO CONTROL MY POWER!
YOU ACTUAL... BELIEVED THAT THE WATER DRAGON KNIGHT WOULD MAKE ME STRENGTH

THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF WATER...
...WOULD BE CRIPPLED WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE DEMON FISH.
RUNE...
HOW AM I GOING TO GET YOU BACK?
DESTROYING VARAWOO WILL KILL YOU AS WELL.
SO HOW CAN I MAINTAIN THE POWER WITHIN RUNE WITHOUT DESTROYING THE DEMON.

RUNE!
YOUR ARROGANCE WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE...
AND THE LIFE OF YOUR PRECIOUS DRAGON KNIGHT

DAMMIT
WE GOT TO DO SOME-THING.
WELL WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?
WE COULD END UP KILLING ALL OF THEM.
UGH
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WE HAVE TO STOP THAT WHIRLPOOL.
IT'S DESTROYING EVERYTHING.
C'MON, DELTE!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
DAMMIT, I FEEL SO HELPLESS!
THAT'S TOLD ME TO PROTECT LORD LYKOULEON.
BUT HOW?
WHAT CAN I DO?
IT'S GOING TO GET DANGEROUS.
PLEASE PROTECT THE DRAGON LORD.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PROTECT HIM?!

RUNE WILL HAVE TO WIN THIS BATTLE.
BUT PERHAPS I CAN HELP TIP THE SCALES.
RUNE, HEAR ME!
AND RECEIVE MY POWER!
WHAT?!
!!
THERE MUST BE A WAY OF HELPING LORD LYKOULEON BEFORE ALL OF DRAQUEEN BECOMES SUBMERGED.
WITH VARAWOO FIGHTING THROUGH RUNE, I HAVE FEW CHOICES.

MY LORD!!
HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE DRAGON LORD'S POWER, AS WELL!
BUT RUNE ONLY RECENTLY ABSORBED VARAWOO'S POWER.
IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON! IT COULD KILL HIM!
NO!
DON'T DO IT, MY LORD!!
IT WON'T WORK.
YOU MUST STOP HIM!
WHAT ?
HE'S HOPING HIS POWER WILL BE STRONGER THAN THAT OF THE DEMON FISH.
THE LORD ...
IS TRYING TO STOP VARAWOO BY TRANSFERRING HIS POWER TO RUNE.

LORD LYKOU-LEON!
NO!
SURE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL THAT POWE... AT ONCE!
I... KNOW!
LORD LYKOU-LEON!
PLEASE DON'T DO IT!

I WAS TOLD YOU EXAMINED HIS EYE.
I TRUST YOUR EXAMINATION WAS THOROUGH.
WHAT WAS THE DIAGNOSIS?
HOW BAD WAS IT?
IT WASN'T BAD.
THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE EYE ITSELF. SO HIS EYESIGHT WILL BE UNEFFECTED
WELL...
WHAT ABOUT—
HIS LEFT ARM?
HOWEVER, IT MAY BE AWHILE BEFORE HE FULLY RECOVERS.
I SEE.
YES?
IT CONCERNS KAI-STERN.
I WILL GRIEVE LATER. RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NO TIME..
DR LAIRA
THERE'S SOMETHING WE MUST TALK ABOUT

!!
THE WHITE
DRAGON BALL!
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I DON'T KNOW. I DIDN'T EXAMINE HIS LEFT ARM.
HIS LEFT ARM?
WHAT AN ODD QUESTION.
IT'S JUST THAT ALFRED...
OF COURSE NOT
!?
...SAID SOME-THING...
ABOUT KAI-STERN'S...

WHAT'S THAT?
THE WHITE DRAGON BALL?!
THAT LIGHT..
AAGH!
LORD LYKOUREON
NO...
OH, DENDEGOR, NO...

RUNE
すう…
IF THAT'S WHERE THEN—
ALFEE!!!
LOOK AT THE SKY!

IT'S OKAY, RUNE.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE SAFE.
AI FEEL...
FROM WITHIN HIS BODY!
RATH... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
RUNE!!
RUNE'S OKAY!
HE ABSORBED THE LORD'S POWER, AND HE'S OKAY!
THE DRAGON BALL SAVED HIM!
LORD LYNX-CLEON...
I HAVE FAILED YOU.
I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND UP TO RATH.
I'M SORRY
THAT I CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE.

YES.
I KNOW.
I SENT THATZ AND TETHEUS TO TRACK HIM DOWN. LET US HOPE FOR THEIR SUCCESS.
RATH MAY BE DEAD.
HE WAS...!
RATH...
MY LORD!

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HE POSSESSED ME ONCE.
I KNOW HIM VERY WELL.
YES.
I KNOW HIM.
YOU DID?
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE GOT INSIDE THE PALACE WALLS.
HE'S A DANGEROUS MAN.
SO THAT DEMON TOOK OVER MY BODY AND TRIED TO GET ME TO KILL LORD LYKOULEON.
HE COULDN'T GET PAST THE CASTLE'S PROTECTIVE BARRIER...
WHAT'S WRONG, TETHEUS?
!!
LET ME SEE!
THAT DEMON LOOKS FAMILIAR.

Dragon Knights

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In Volume 12:

The demon army has infiltrated Princeton and the Dragon Knights now find themselves in an overwhelming battle with the forces of Nadil. Varawpo has been vanquished, allowing Chatz, Rune, Tetheus and Lukouleon to focus on Shydeman and Shyrandoru. However, all here is not as it seems, and a startling revelation made by a member of the Dragon Tribe brings uncertainty and mistrust at a time when unity is essential. Meanwhile, having already killed Alfeegy, Rath's motives slowly become apparent. Under the influence of a frighteningly strong demon, Rath is being driven down a path fraught with destruction and death—a path that leads towards the head of Nadil. As Rath begins a dark ritual that will restore the fallen Demon Lord's life, it becomes clear that victory for the Dragon Tribe will rely on the bravery of the Dragon Lord...and the lives of his closest companions.

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